

Revised FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.344**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Emotionally Disturbed Children - Department of Juvenile Justice & State Department of Education		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill adds the Department of Education and the Department of Juvenile Justice as agencies responsible for developing the Interagency System for Caring for Emotionally Disturbed Children, specifies the goal of the system, clarifies the responsibilities of the system and clarifies the payment method for the Department of Education's share of costs for children in the system.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Social Services each indicate this Bill would have either no impact or a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State that could be absorbed within existing resources.

Section 20-7-5730 currently provides that SDE shall be billed for a share of the cost for which the Services Fund for Emotionally Disturbed Children is responsible. The Bill does not change SDE's financial responsibility with regard to the fund.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

SDE notes that is currently in negotiations concerning the amount the agency is responsible for with regard to the fund. In addition, SDE notes that the School Districts may need to be specified as financially responsible for payments to the fund. Otherwise, there could be an impact on SDE's budget pending the amount of the billing, if any.

The italicized portion of this impact indicates the items that have been revised. For this impact, the revised constitutes information that was not available in the original impact.

Approved by:



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